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SUBJECT: ICRC INITIATIVE ON HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS
IN CHILE

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1. NESSI AND PRESENT ICRC PRESIDENT DR. ERIC MARTIN
RAISED SUBJECT OF ICRC INITIATIVE IN CHILE WITH AMBASSADOR
FRANK KELLOGG (S/R) AND FRANK SIEVERTS (D/PW) AT INTERNA-
TIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS AT TEHRAN NOV. 14 WITH
REQUEST THAT USG SUPPORT ICRC INITIATIVE ON POINTS NOTED
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PARA ONE REF A. NESSI INDICATED ICRC MISSION PLANNED TO

LEAVE EARLY DECEMBER, WITH POSSIBLE STOP IN WASHINGTON EN ROUTE. FROM REF A WE ASSUME MISSION DEPARTED SOONER THAN EXPECTED AND DOES NOT PLAN TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

2. USG PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPORT ICRC IN ITS DISCUSSIONS WITH GOC, PARTICULARLY ON EMIGRATION OF REFUGEES. WE WOULD HOPE ICRC PROPOSAL ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE FORMULATED TO HAVE BEST CHANCE OF GAINING COOPERATION OF GOC. SPECIFIC ACTION THAT APPEARS TO US MOST USEFUL AT THIS TIME WOULD BE FOR GOC TO FACILITATE DEPARTURE FROM CHILE OF REFUGEES ALREADY REGISTERED WITH UNHCR OR IN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AS OUTLINED REF B. IF THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED EXPEDITIOUSLY, THEN OTHER REFUGEES WHO MAY NOT HAVE REGISTERED COULD MORE REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO APPLY FOR EMIGRATION. (FYI, WE ARE LESS INCLINED TO GIVE OPEN-ENDED SUPPORT FOR POSSIBLE ICRC INITIATIVE ON MATTERS WITHIN GOC DOMESTIC JURISDICTION, SUCH AS SENTENCES AND EXECUTIONS. ICRC EFFORTS ON SUCH QUESTIONS WOULD MORE APPROPRIATELY BE INDEPENDENT. END FYI.)

3. NESSI TOLD DEPTOFFS IN TEHRAN HE THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO FIND COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM FOR ANY NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM CHILE, NOTING THAT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE WOULD, IN HIS JUDGMENT, BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH PERSONS. THIS CONTRASTS WITH INFORMATION WE HAVE FROM UNHCR, WHO REPORTS THAT ONLY COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS ON RECORD AS READY TO ACCEPT REFUGEES FROM CHILE ARE CUBA (100 PLACES) AND EAST GERMANY (73 PLACES). TOTAL OF RESETTLEMENT OFFERS KNOWN TO UNHCR (AS OF 11/26) IS 1473 PLACES.

4. SUBJECT TO SANTIAGO'S CONCURRENCE, WE RECOMMEND THAT US MISSION GENEVA ASK ICRC TO TELL NESSI AND NAVILLE TO CONTACT AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO TO DISCUSS THEIR MISSION AND MANNER IN WHICH USG CAN BE HELPFUL TO IT.

5. ON RELATED MATTER, ICRC CABLED AMERICAN RED CROSS NOV. 26 TO REQUEST ARC/USG FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO HELP SUPPORT ICRC OPERATIONAL COSTS IN CHILE ESTIMATED AT 522,000 SWISS FRANCS FOR FIRST HALF 1974. USG CONSIDER-
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ING RESPONDING FAVORABLY TO THIS REQUEST AND WOULD APPRECIATE SANTIAGO COMMENTS ON IT AS WELL. TEXT FOLLOWS.

6. BEGIN TEXT: AS INDICATED OUR TELEX 29 OCTOBER SUMMARIZING ICRC ACTIVITIES IN CHILE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 22 - OCTOBER 26 WE PLAN TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND MEET NEEDS ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. ALSO PLAN TO INCREASE ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES (IN COOPERATION WITH UNHCR)

AND START ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR NEEDY FAMILIES POLITICAL
DETAINEES (IN COOPERATION WITH CHILEAN RED CROSS). TO
THAT EFFECT ICRC DELEGATION CHILE (PRESENTLY 8 PERSONS)
WILL BE INCREASED TO 10 BY END OF YEAR. SIX DELEGATES
(THREE OF THEM DOCTORS) WILL CONTINUE VISITING PLACES OF
DETENTION ON PERMANENT BASIS. OTHER FOUR WILL DEAL WITH
MORE SPECIFIC AND TECHNICAL TASKS (RECEPTION, STORAGE
AND DISTRIBUTION RELIEF SUPPLIES, ESTABLISHMENT LISTS
PRISONERS AND REFUGEES, ICRC TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, ETC.)
ICRC READY SEND MORE DELEGATES IF NECESSARY. OPERATIONAL
COSTS FIRST SIX MONTHS 1974, ESTIMATED 522,000 SWISS
FRANCS, HAVE TO BE COVERED BY APPEAL TO SOME NATIONAL RED
CROSS SOCIETIES AND GOVERNMENTS. WOULD APPRECIATE IF
YOUR SOCIETY AND/OR US GOVERNMENT COULD CONSIDER
POSSIBILITY SUPPORTING PART THESE OPERATIONAL COSTS. CASH
CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO ICRC GENEVA WITH INDICA-
TION CHILE 1974. NO NEED, FOR TIME BEING, FURTHER SHIP-
MENT RELIEF SUPPLIES (APART FROM THOSE ALREADY ANNOUNCED).
WILL SEND YOU SHORTLY NEW SUMMARY ICRC ACTIVITIES COVERING
PERIOD OCTOBER 27 UP TO PRESENT. WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE
FOR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION. GALLOPIN PRESIDENT ICRC
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. END TEXT. RUSH

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